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REMARKS

The claims are 15-25. Non-elected claims 1-14 are canceled without prejudice to applicants' rights thereto. Claim 25 has been added; supported by page 4, line 26.

The Examiner's comments regarding the format of the specification are noted. The specification is deemed to be fully compliant with US patent law, rules, and practice.

Claims 15, 18, and 20-24 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Brenman (USP 3,261,978). The rejection is traversed. However, claim 15 has been amended to recite a concentration limitation for the dye (supported by page 3, lines 25-27) and a specific light source and emission wavelength (supported by page 4, lines 18-25). Nowhere does Brenman teach either of these claim elements. These features are deemed to render the rejection moot.

Claims 15-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Brilliant (USP 3,309,274). The rejection is traversed. However, claim 15 has been amended as described above. These features are deemed to render the rejection moot.

It is requested that the amendment be entered and that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and objections in view the amendment and remarks and that the case be passed to issue.

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